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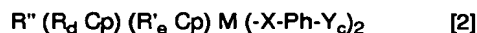
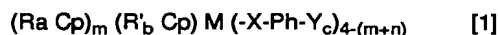
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(54) **CATALYTIC COMPONENTS FOR THE POLYMERIZATION OF OLEFINS, POLYMERIZATION CATALYSTS, AND PROCESS FOR POLYMERIZING OLEFINS BY USING THE SAME**

(57) The present invention relates to a metallocene compound as a catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins, said compound, is stable to air and moisture so that generates no hydrogen halide by hydrolysis and easily handled, and has a high storage stability and a high catalyst activity. Specifically, the catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins comprises a transition metal composition represented by the general formula [1] and [2]:



wherein M is Ti, Zr or Hf; (Ra Cp), (R'_b Cp), (R_d Cp) and (R'_e Cp) each is a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton; R'' is a radical which links (R_d Cp) and (R'_e Cp); (-X-Ph-Y_c) is a grouping in which the aromatic ring Ph substituted by a specified radical Y bonds to M through an oxygen or sulphur atom X.

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Description

Technical Field

[0001] The present invention relates to a catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins, a polymerization catalyst containing the component and a process for the polymerization of olefins by using the catalyst, and more particularly, to a catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins which is stable to air, moisture and so on and not corrosive to metal, a polymerization catalyst containing said component, having a high polymerization activity and being capable of producing olefin polymers, and a process for the polymerization of olefins.

Background Art

[0002] Recently, as a catalyst which can homopolymerize ethylene or copolymerize ethylene and α -olefin with a high polymerization activity, there is proposed a new catalyst for the polymerization of olefins comprising a transition metal compound such as metallocene compound of zirconium and an organic aluminum oxy compound. As a process for the homo- or copolymerization of ethylene by using such catalyst, there has been proposed, for example, in Japanese Patent Application Laid-open Nos. Sho 58(1983)-19309, Sho 60(1985)-35007, etc.

[0003] In such a prior art, it has been disclosed that as a transition metal compound component, a metallocene compound is available, which has an alkadienyl radical such as a cyclopentadienyl radical, etc., as a ligand for the transition metal, and further an alkyl radical, a halogen atom, etc.

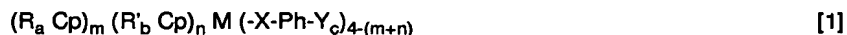
[0004] However, the metallocene compound in such prior arts may show a high polymerization activity as a compound having a halogen atom bound directly to the transition metal atom, but need a treatment with alcohol or water after the polymerization depending on the kind of olefins and the process for the polymerization, so that hydrogen halide may be formed disadvantageously which may occur rusts and corruptions in equipments. Further, a metallocene compound having an alkyl radical bound directly to the metal atom has high polymerization activity relatively and does not form undesirable hydrogen halide, but there are some disadvantages that it is extremely unstable to a little air or moisture, is apt to lower the catalyst activity remarkably by deterioration in the operation or to deteriorate with time in storage, as a result, a special care and equipment to the handling and storage of catalyst component are required. Thus, for example, as seen in Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Sho 62(1987)-230802, there has been proposed a process in which the halogen atom or alkyl radical bound to the metal atom is converted to an alkoxy or phenoxy radical to eliminate the formation of hydrogen halide and improve the stability of the metallocene compound. In this case, however, disadvantageously the activity as catalyst for the polymerization of olefins is in general lowered.

[0005] Accordingly, it has been strongly desired to develop as a metallocene compound, a transition metal compound, which satisfies at the same time three requirements that it does not contain a halogen atom directly bound to the metal atom, as a result, it does not generate undesirable hydrogen halide, that it is stable to air and moisture so that it may be dealt with easily and has a high storage stability and that it has a high activity on using as a catalyst for the polymerization of olefins. And also it has been strongly desired to provide a process for the polymerization of olefins therewith.

[0006] After studying earnestly in view of the present status as mentioned above, it has been found that a metallocene compound may eliminate the disadvantages as mentioned above which has a radical comprising a cyclopentadienyl skeleton coordinated to the transition metal and in which an aromatic ring substituted with a special substituent is bound through an oxygen or a sulphur to the transition metal, and it shows an excellent activity on using it as a catalyst for the polymerization of olefins resulting in the accomplishment of the present invention.

Disclosure of Invention

[0007] Accordingly, the present invention relates at first to a catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins which comprises a transition metal compound represented by the general formula [1] or [2]:



wherein M represents titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Cp represents a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, R and R' represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an aryl, an alkylaryl, an arylalkyl or an alkylsilyl radical, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic ring, Y represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical, a and b each is an integer of 0 to 5, m and n each is an integer of 0 to 3 and that m+n is an integer of 1 to 3, and c is an integer of 1 to 5, proviso Y does not present a hydrogen atom when Ph is a benzene ring;



wherein M represents titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Cp represents a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, R and R' represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an aryl, an alkylaryl, an arylalkyl or an alkylsilyl radical, R'' represents a divalent radical which links (R_d Cp) and (R'_e Cp) and is selected from an alkylene, an arylalkylene, a dialkylsilylene, a dialkylgermylene, an alkylphosphindyl or an alkylimino radical, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic radical, Y represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical, d and e each represents an integer of 0 to 4, and c is an integer of 1 to 5, proviso that Y is not a hydrogen atom when Ph is a benzene ring.

[0008] Secondly, the present invention relates to a catalyst for the polymerization of olefins comprising [A] a transition metal compound represented by the above-mentioned general formula [1] or [2], [B] an organic aluminum oxy compound or a cation generator and occasionally [C] an organic aluminum compound, and thirdly to a process for the polymerization of olefins characterized by polymerizing or copolymerizing olefins in the presence of said catalyst for the polymerization of olefins.

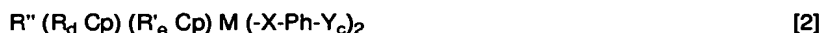
[0009] The metallocene compound as a catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins has as mentioned above in general a halogen atom or an alkyl radical as the groupings to bond the transition metal and the polymerization activity thereof is remarkably lowered when all groupings are converted to a phenoxy or thiophenoxy radical. However, the present inventors have found unexpected function in which in case a specified substituent is introduced to an aromatic ring like a phenoxy radical or thiophenoxy radical or the like, a higher polymerization activity is realized without the reduction of activity rather than the metallocene compound to which a halogen atom or an alkyl radical is bound.

[0010] The present invention will be illustrated in detail hereinafter, in which the term "polymerization" means the homopolymerization and copolymerization.

[0011] The metallocene catalyst component according to the present invention is a transition metal compound represented by any one of the following two general formulae:



wherein M represents titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Cp represents a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, R and R' represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an aryl, an alkylaryl, an arylalkyl or an alkylsilyl radical, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic ring, Y represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing radical, a and b each is an integer of 0 to 5, m and n each is an integer of 0 to 3 and m+n is an integer of 1 to 3, and c is an integer of 1-5, proviso that Y is not a hydrogen atom when Ph is a benzene ring;



wherein M represents titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Cp represents a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, R and R' represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an aryl, an alkylaryl, an arylalkyl or an alkylsilyl radical, R'' represents a divalent radical which links (R_d Cp) and (R'_e Cp) and is selected from an alkylene, an arylalkylene, a dialkylsilylene, a dialkylgermylene, an alkylphosphindyl, or an alkylimino radical, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic ring, Y represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical, d and e each is an integer of 0 to 4, and c is an integer of 1 to 5 proviso that Y is not a hydrogen atom when Ph is a benzene ring;

[0012] In the general formulae [1] and [2], the ligand Cp is not critical but may be a grouping having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton and include not only a cyclopentadienyl radical but the cyclopentadienyl radicals in which two vicinal carbon atoms in the cyclopentadienyl ring bond to other carbon atoms to form a 4- or 5- or 6-membered ring. As the cyclopentadienyl radicals in which two vicinal carbon atoms in the cyclopentadienyl ring bond to other carbon atoms to form a 4- or 5- or 6-membered ring, there are mentioned, for example, an indenyl, tetrahydroindenyl, fluorenyl radical, etc.

[0013] In the general formulae [1] and [2], R and R' each is preferably, a hydrogen, an alkyl radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl radical having 2-20 carbon atoms, an aryl radical having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkylaryl radical having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl radical having 7 to 20 carbon atoms or an alkylsilyl radical having 3 to 20 carbon atoms.

[0014] In the general formula [1], as the grouping (R_a Cp) and (R'_b Cp) having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, for example, cyclopentadienyl, methylcyclopentadienyl, ethylcyclopentadienyl, n-propylcyclopentadienyl, isopropylcyclopentadienyl, etc.

clopentadienyl, n-butylcyclopentadienyl, isobutylcyclopentadienyl, tert-butylcyclopentadienyl, 1,2-dimethylcyclopentadienyl, 1,3-dimethylcyclopentadienyl, 1,2,4-trimethylcyclopentadienyl, 1,2,3-trimethylcyclopentadienyl, tetramethylcyclopentadienyl, pentamethylcyclopentadienyl, trimethylsilylcyclopentadienyl, trimethylsilyltetramethylcyclopentadienyl, (phenyldimethylsilyl)cyclopentadienyl, triphenylsilylcyclopentadienyl, 1,3-di(trimethylsilyl)cyclopentadienyl, cyclohexylcyclopentadienyl, allylcyclopentadienyl, benzylcyclopentadienyl, phenylcyclopentadienyl, tolylcyclopentadienyl, indenyl, 1-methylindenyl, 2-methylindenyl, 2,4-dimethylindenyl, 4,7-dimethoxyindenyl, 4,7-dichloroindenyl, 5,6-dimethylindenyl, 2-methyl-4-ethyl-indenyl, 2-methyl-4,6-diisopropyl-indenyl, naphthylindenyl, 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindenyl, 2-methyl-tetrahydroindenyl, fluorenyl, 2,7-di-tert-butylfluorenyl.

[0015] In the general formula [2], R" represents a divalent radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, which links (R_d Cp) and (R'_e Cp), and there are mentioned concretely alkylene, such as methylene, ethylene; alkylidene, such as ethylidene, propylidene, isopropylidene; arylalkylidene, such as phenylmethylidene, diphenylmethylidene; silylene, such as dimethylsilylene, diethylsilylene, dipropylsilylene, diisopropylsilylene, methylethylsilylene, methylisopropylsilylene, methyltert-butylsilylene, methylphenylsilylene, diphenylsilylene; germylene, such as dimethylgermylene, diethylgermylene, dipropylgermylene, diisopropylgermylene, diphenylgermylene, methylethylgermylene, methylisopropylgermylene, methyltert-butylgermylene, methylphenylgermylene, diphenylgermylene; alkylphosphinediyl, such as methylphosphinediyl; alkylimino, such as methylimino; alkylboranediyl, such as methylborandiyl.

[0016] And, as the grouping R"(R_d Cp) and (R'_e Cp) having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton in the general formula [2], there are mentioned, for example, ethylenebisindenyl, diphenylmethylenebisindenyl, dimethylsilylenebisindenyl, isopropylidenebisindenyl, dimethylsilylenebistetrahydroindenyl, isopropylidenecyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, diphenylmethylencyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, dimethylsilylenecyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, dimethylsilylenbis(2,3,5-trimethylcyclopentadienyl), dimethylsilylenbis(2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl), dimethylsilylenbis(3-methylcyclopentadienyl), isopropylidenecyclopentadienyl-methylcyclopentadienyl, isopropylidenecyclopentadienyl-2,3,5-trimethylcyclopentadienyl, diphenylmethylenecyclopentadienyl-methylcyclopentadienyl, diphenylmethylenecyclopentadienyl-2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl, diphenylmethylenecyclopentadienyl-2,3,5-trimethylcyclopentadienyl, dimethylsilylenecyclopentadienyl-methylcyclopentadienyl, dimethylsilylenecyclopentadienyl-2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl, dimethylsilylenecyclopentadienyl-2,3,5-trimethylcyclopentadienyl, isopropylidene-2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, diphenylmethylenecyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, dimethylsilylene-2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, cyclohexylidenecyclopentadienyl-1-fluorenyl, dimethylgermylenebis-1-indenyl.

[0017] In the general formulae [1] and [2], Ph represents an aromatic radical, such as, for example, a benzene, naphthalene, anthracene, indenyl, and phenanthrene ring.

[0018] Further, in the general formulae [1] and [2], the substituent Y is a radical which is selected from the group of a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical. And more concretely, it is a hydrocarbon radical such as an alkyl having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, an aryl having 6 - 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl having 2 - 10 carbon atoms, an alkynyl having 2 - 10 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl having 7 - 20 carbon atoms, an arylalkenyl having 8 - 20 carbon atoms and an alkylaryl having 7 - 20 carbon atoms, or a silyl radical such as an alkylsilyl, an arylsilyl and the like, wherein the alkyl radical may include various kind of geometric isomers including cycloalkyl, proviso that as mentioned above a hydrogen atom is excluded when Ph is a benzene ring.

[0019] When the substituent Y is a hydrocarbon atom, there are mentioned an alkyl radical having 1-10 carbon atoms such as, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, cyclohexyl, cyclooctyl, norbornyl; an aryl radical having 6-10 carbon atoms such as, for example, phenyl, naphthyl; an alkenyl radical having 2-10 carbon atoms such as, for example, vinyl, propenyl; an alkynyl radical having 2-10 carbon atoms such as, for example, ethynyl, propynyl; an arylalkyl radical having 7-20 carbon atoms such as, for example, benzyl, phenethyl; an arylalkenyl radical having 8-20 carbon atoms such as, for example, stylyl, cinnamyl; and an alkylaryl radical having 7-20 carbon atoms such as, for example, tolyl, xylyl, mesyl, respectively.

[0020] When the substituent Y is an alkylsilyl radical, there are mentioned concretely, for example, trimethylsilyl and triethylsilyl radical, and when the substituent Y is an arylsilyl radical, there are mentioned a diphenylmethylsilyl and triphenylsilyl radical.

[0021] When the substituent Y is a halogen atom, there are mentioned concretely, for example, a fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine atom, and when the substituent Y is a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, there are mentioned concretely, for example, chloromethyl, fluoromethyl, bromomethyl, iodomethyl, dichloromethyl, difluoromethyl, dibromomethyl, diiodomethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorodifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, perfluoroethyl, perfluoropropyl, perfluorobutyl, chlorophenyl, fluorophenyl, bromophenyl, iodophenyl, perfluorophenyl, chlorotetrafluorophenyl radical.

[0022] When the substituent Y is a nitrogen-containing organic radical, there are mentioned concretely, for example, a cyano, nitro, nitroso, isocyanide, cyanate, isocyanate, N-methylamino, anilino, N,N-dimethylamino, N,N-diethylamino, N,N-dipropylamino, N,N-diphenylamino, formamide, acetamide, N-methylacetamide, N-phenylacetamide radical.

[0023] When the substituent Y is an oxygen-containing organic radical, there are mentioned concretely, for example, a methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, phenoxy, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyl, valeryl, pyvaloyl, acyloxy, benzoyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, phenoxycarbonyl, acetoxyl, benzoyloxy radical.

[0024] When the substituent Y is an sulphur-containing organic radical, there are mentioned concretely, for example, a methylthio, ethylthio, phenylthio, methylsulfanyl, ethylsulfanyl, benzenesulfanyl, trisulfanyl, tolylsulfanyl, mesyl, tosyl radical.

[0025] The symbol of c in the general formulae [1] and [2] is a value which is selected from 1 to 5. In case c is 2 to 5 and the plural substituent Y are bonded together, the same and/or different substituent are available.

[0026] As the transition metal compounds according to the definition of the general formula [1] mentioned above, the following compounds may be exemplified:

dicyclopentadienylbis(2-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(3-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2-chlorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(3-chlorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(4-chlorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2-bromophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(3-bromophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(4-bromophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2-iodophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(3-iodophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(4-iodophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2,3-difluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2,4-difluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2,5-difluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2,6-difluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(3,4-difluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(3,5-difluorophenoxy)zirconium, dicyclopentadienylbis(2,3-dichlorophenoxy)zirconium, 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[0028] On the other hand, as the transition metal compounds represented by the general formula [2], the following compounds may be exemplified:

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noxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)(4-methylcyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(3,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)(3-methylcyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(3-tert-butylcyclopentadienyl)(3-methylcyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(3-tert-butylcyclopentadienyl)(4-methylcyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(2,3,5-trimethylcyclopentadienyl)(cyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(2,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)(cyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(3-tert-butylcyclopentadienyl)(cyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(3-methylcyclopentadienyl)(cyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(cyclopentadienyl)(indenyl)bis(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylene(cyclopentadienyl)(indenyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, diphenylsilylene(indenyl)bis(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium, diphenylsilylenebis(indenyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dibenzylsilylenebis(indenyl)bis(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium, dibenzylsilylenebis(indenyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, methylphenylsilylenebis(2-methylindenyl)bis(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium, methylphenylsilylenebis(2-methylindenyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylenebis(3,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)bis(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylenebis(3,4-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylenebis(4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindenyl)bis(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium, dimethylsilylenebis(4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindenyl)bis(4-fluorophenoxy)zirconium.

[0029] The transition metal compounds, in which the zirconium atom of the zirconium compounds as mentioned above of the formula [2] is substituted by a titanium or hafnium atom, also may be used similarly.

[0030] The transition metal compounds according to the present invention may be synthesized by some known processes. The transition metal compound represented by the general formula [1] is synthesized, for example, by a process in which the IVA group transition metal compound represented by the general formula [3] is reacted at first with alkyl lithium to form the reactive intermediate compound of the general formula [4]. Then, the intermediate compound is reacted with an aromatic hydroxy or thiol compound having a specified substituent represented by the general formula [5] to form a final transition metal compound according to the reaction equation [6]:



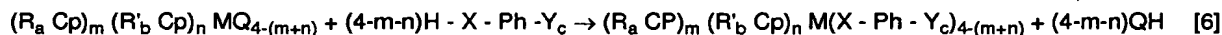
wherein $R_a \text{ Cp}$ and $R'_b \text{ Cp}$ each represents a grouping having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, M is titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Z is a halogen atom, a and b each is an integer of 0-5, m and n each is an integer of 0-3, and m + n is an integer of 1-3;



wherein $(R_a \text{ Cp})$ and $(R'_b \text{ Cp})$, M, a, b, m and n each has the same meaning in the general formula [3] and Q represents an alkyl radical;



wherein X represents an oxygen or sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic ring, Y represents a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical, and c is an integer of 1-5;



wherein $R_a \text{ Cp}$ and $R'_b \text{ Cp}$, M, Q, X, Ph, Y, a, b, m, n and c each has the same meaning in the general formulae [4] - [5].

[0031] In the reaction equation [6], the reaction temperature is -78°C to 100 °C, preferably 0°C to 80°C, and the reaction time is 0.1 to 50 hrs, preferably 0.5 to 30 hrs. As a solvent to be used in the reaction, there is used, for example, an aliphatic hydrocarbon such as hexane and decane; an aromatic hydrocarbon such as benzene, toluene or xylene; ethers such as tetrahydrofuran and diethylether; and a halogenated hydrocarbon such as chloroform and dichloromethane. These reaction solvents may be used generally in an amount within 10 to 500 times of the compound of the general formula [3] or [4].

[0032] The reaction of the equation [6] proceeds in general quantitatively so that the compound of the general formula [4] and [5] may be reacted each other in a stoichiometrically required amount. When the solvent is distilled off in vacuum from the reaction solution after the reaction, the final transition metal compound is obtained. Of course, after the solvent is distilled off in vacuum from the solution after the reaction of equation [6], the final compound may be further purified by a process such as recrystallization.

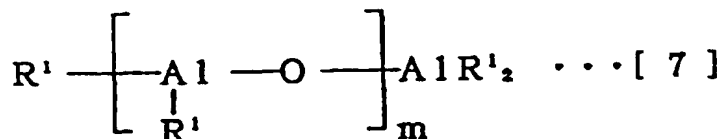
[0033] As other process for synthesizing the transition metal compound according to the present invention, there may be used a process in which the compound of the general formula [3] is reacted directly with an alkali metal salt of

the compound of the general formula [5] and a process, which is described for example in Journal of Organometallic Chemistry 485 (1995) 153-160, i.e. a process in which the compound of the formula [3] is reacted directly with the compound of the formula [5] in the presence of base compound such as an amine.

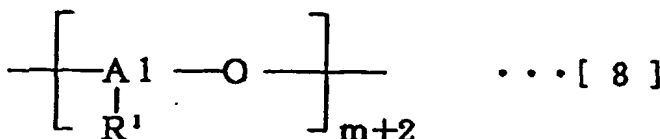
[0034] On the other hand, the transition metal compound represented by the general formula [2] may be synthesized in the same manner as in the process for synthesizing the compound of the general formula [1].

[0035] The catalyst for the polymerization of olefins according to the present invention is characterized by using as co-catalyst an organic aluminum oxy compound or a cation generator and, if necessary, an organic aluminum compound in combination of said transition metal compound.

[0036] The organic aluminum oxy compound may be selected from the linear alkylaluminoxanes of the general formula [7] and the cyclic alkylaluminoxanes of the general formula [8].



Wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl radical having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and m is an integer of 2 to 40.



Wherein R^1 and m each has the same meaning in the general formula [7].

[0037] As to R^1 in the general formulae [7] and [8], the halogen atom is a chlorine or bromine atom and the alkyl radical having 1-10 carbon atoms is methyl, ethyl, iso-butyl and the like. The compound of the formulae [7] and [8] may be contain different R^1 radical therein. Preferably, the compound has above all methyl or methyl and other radicals. The number of repeating unit, m , is selected from within the range of 2-40, preferably 5-20.

[0038] Various known processes may be used for the synthesis of the alkylaluminoxanes of the formulae [7] and [8]. For example, the compounds may be synthesized by a process in which a trialkyl aluminum is dissolved in a hydrocarbon solvent and hydrolyzed by adding gradually an equivalent amount of water to the trialkyl aluminum in the solution; a process in which a hydrate of copper sulfate or aluminum sulfate is suspended in a hydrocarbon solvent and a trialkyl aluminum in an amount of 1-3 times equivalent to the crystal water of said hydrate in the suspension is contacted to the hydrate to hydrolyze gradually the trialkylaluminum; or a process in which the adsorption water of undehydrated silica gel suspended in a hydrocarbon solvent is contacted to a trialkyl aluminum in an amount of 1 to 3 times equivalent to said adsorption water to hydrolyze gradually the trialkyl aluminum.

[0039] On the other hand, as the cation generator among the co-catalyst, there are mentioned those of the neutral and ion-pair type; those of neutral type include, for example, the organic boron compounds represented by the general formula [9]



wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms or a halogen atom.

[0040] Preferably, the compounds of the general formula [9] are especially those, in which a hydrocarbon radical to be bonded to the boron atom. The three R^2 radical may be same or different and except for hydrocarbon radicals, a part of three R^2 may be substituted by a hydrogen or halogen atom.

[0041] Examples of R^2 include an alkyl radical such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-butyl and n-octyl; or an aryl radical such as phenyl and tolyl.

[0042] Concrete examples of the organic boron compounds of the formula [9] include triphenylborane, tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane, tris(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)borane, tris(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)borane, tris(2,3-difluorophenyl)borane, tris(2-fluorophenyl)borane, tris[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borane, tris[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borane, trimethylborane, triethylborane, tris(trifluoromethyl)borane, diphenylfluoroborane, bis(pentafluorophenyl)chloroborane. Of these, preferred ones are tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane and tris[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borane.

[0043] The ion pair type cation generators are compounds of the formula [10].



wherein $[\text{On}]^+$ is a metal cation of group 1B, 2B, or 8, carbenium ion, silicenium ion, oxonium ion, sulfonium ion, ammonium ion or phosphonium ion, and R^3 is a hydrocarbon radical having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, respectively.

[0044] Concrete examples of the cation generators of the formula [10] include salts of tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)-borate, such as ferrocenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)-borate, silver (I) tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, copper (I) tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, mercury (II) bis[tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)]borate, palladium (II) bis[tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)]borate, platinum (II) bis[tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)]borate, diphenylhydrosilicenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tricyclohexylcarbenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, triphenylsilicenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, triethyloxonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, triethylsulfonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, diethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, trimethylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, triethylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tetra-n-butylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, triphenylphosphonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate.

[0045] In the practice of the present invention, the organic aluminum compound represented by the general formula [11] may be co-existed, if necessary, in order to stabilize the catalyst or in order to stabilize the organic aluminum oxy compound or cation generator as the above-mentioned co-catalyst and reduce the amount to be used.



wherein R^4 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical having 1-10 carbon atoms or a halogen atom, proviso that all R^4 radicals are not hydrogen or halogen atoms.

[0046] R^4 as an alkyl radical having 1-10 carbon atoms is, for example, methyl, ethyl, iso-butyl or octyl radical and as a halogen atom is, for example, a chlorine or bromine atom. Further, the radical R^4 of the compounds represented by the general formula [11] may be same or different.

[0047] As the compounds of the formula [11], there may be mentioned, for instance, trimethylaluminum, triethylaluminum, triisobutylaluminum, trihexylaluminum, trioctylaluminum, diisobutylaluminum hydride, diethylaluminum chloride, ethylaluminum sesquichloride.

[0048] In the practice of the polymerization of olefines in the present invention, the catalyst for the polymerization may be prepared by adding the transition metal compound according to the present invention as catalyst component and an organic aluminum oxy compound or cation generator as a co-catalyst, and if necessary, an organic aluminum compound to an inert hydrocarbon solvent or an olefin medium to be polymerized. Then, the addition order of each component may be selected optionally, the transition metal compound and co-catalyst may be used after mixing and contacting them for a certain time before the polymerization previously, or each component may be also added respectively to the polymerization system.

[0049] The transition metal compound according to the present invention for the polymerization of olefins is used in general in a catalyst concentration within the range of 10^{-8} - 10^{-1} mol/liter, preferably 10^{-7} - 10^{-3} mol/liter. On the other hand, the organic aluminum oxy compound as co-catalyst is used in general within the range of 10 - 10^5 , preferably 50 to 5×10^3 of the ratio of aluminum atom/transition metal atom. The cation generator as co-catalyst is used in general within the range of 0.5 to 10 , preferably 1 to 5 of the mol ratio of cation generator/transition metal compound. The organic aluminum compound of the general formula (11) is used in general within the range of 1 to 10^5 , preferably 10 to 10^4 of the ratio of aluminum atom/transition metal atom.

[0050] The polymerization according to the present invention can be carried out by means of every polymerization process such as the slurry, solution or gas-phase polymerization. In the slurry or gas-phase polymerization, either the catalyst component of the transition metal compound or the co-catalyst or both of them may be deposited on a support for use. Examples of support include, for example, an inorganic oxide support such as silica, alumina or silica-alumina; an inorganic support such as magnesium chloride; and an organic support such as polyethylene and polypropylene. The method for supporting on a support is not critical and any known method may be used. The catalyst supported on a support may be subjected to the so-called prepolymerization treatment, in which a relatively small amount of olefin is previously polymerized in the polymerization of olefines, where the amount of olefin polymer to be produced is preferably up to 0.05 to 500g , preferably up to 0.1 to 100g per g of the carried catalyst. A process in which either the catalyst component or the co-catalyst or both of them is supported on a support and used, or a process in which either the catalyst component or the co-catalyst or both of them is used after the prepolymerization, is available especially for the slurry or gas-phase polymerization because the particle shape and bulk density of the polymer produced are improved and the like.

[0051] Olefins to be used in the process according to the present invention include not only α -olefins but also those other than α -olefins for example, linear diolefins, cyclic olefins, cyclic polyenes, aromatic vinyl compounds, or the like.

[0052] As alpha-olefins, those having 2 to 20 carbon atoms are particularly mentioned. For instance, ethylene, propylene, 1-butene, 3-methyl-1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 4-methyl-1-pentene, 3-methyl-1-pentene, 1-octene, 1-decene, 1-dodecene, 1-tetradecene, 1-hexadecene, 1-octadecene, 1-tetradecene, 1-hexadecene, 1-octadecene, 1-eicocene, vinylcyclohexane, vinylcyclohexene, trimethylvinylsilane may be mentioned.

[0053] Linear diolefins are, particularly, those having 4 to 20 carbon atoms. For instance, non-conjugated dienes, such as 1,4-pentadiene, 1,4-hexadiene, 1,5-hexadiene, 4-methyl-1,4-hexadiene, 5-methyl-1,4-hexadiene, 5-methyl-1,5-heptadiene, 1,7-octadiene, 7-methyl-1,6-octadiene and 1,9-decanediene, or conjugated dienes, such as butadiene, isoprene, chloroprene, 1,3-pentadiene and 1,3-hexadiene may be mentioned.

[0054] Cyclic olefins are, particularly, those having 4 to 40 carbon atoms. For instance, cyclobutene, cyclopentene, cyclohexane, cycloheptene, cyclooctene, 2-norbornene, 5-methyl-2-norbornene, 5-ethyl-2-norbornene, 5-chloro-2-norbornene, 5-methoxy-2-norbornene, 5,6-dicarboxylnorbornene anhydrate, tetracyclododecene, 5-phenylnorbornene may be mentioned.

[0055] Cyclic polyenes are, particularly, those having 5 to 40 carbon atoms. For instance, cyclopentadiene, dicyclopentadiene, norbornadiene, 5-vinyl-2-norbornene, 5-ethylidene-2-norbornene, cyclooctatriene may be mentioned.

As aromatic vinyl compounds, for instance, styrene, alpha-methylstyrene, divinylbenzene are usable.

[0056] These olefins may be homopolymerized and two or more than two olefins may be copolymerized.

[0057] In the present invention, an inert hydrocarbon solvent or the olefin itself to be polymerized may be used for carrying out the solution or slurry polymerization. As inert hydrocarbon solvents, there may be used, for example, an aliphatic hydrocarbon such as butane, isobutane, pentane, hexane, octane, an alicyclic hydrocarbon such as cyclopentane, methylcyclopentane or cyclohexane; an aromatic hydrocarbon such as benzene, toluene or xylene; and a petroleum fraction such as naphtha, kerosene or light oil.

[0058] The polymerization temperature in the practice of the polymerization of the present invention is in general within the range of -20 to 100 °C, preferably 20 to 90 °C in the slurry polymerization, and in general within the range of 0 to 120 °C, preferably 20 to 100°C in the gas-phase polymerization; it is in general within the range of 0 to 300°C, preferably 100 to 250 °C in the solution polymerization. The polymerization pressure is not critical, but is used in general within the range from a atmospheric pressure to 100 kg/cm².

[0059] The polymerization according to the present invention may be carried out in a batch, semi-continuous or continuous method and in two or more than two steps of different reaction condition. The molecular weight (weight average molecular weight) of olefin polymer obtained by using the catalyst according to the present invention is in general 1,000 to 10,000,000, especially 5,000 to 5,000,000. The molecular weight of olefin polymer obtained may be controlled by the presence of hydrogen in the polymerization reaction system or the change of polymerization temperature.

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0060]

Fig. 1 is a flow chart illustrating the preparation steps of the catalyst according to the present invention.

Best Mode for carrying out the Invention

[0061] The present invention will be explained in detail hereinafter by examples, by which the present invention is not limited thereto only.

[0062] In the synthesis of the transition metal compounds in the following examples, the transition metal compounds represented by the general formula [4] used as the starting material are those, which are available commercially or are prepared by the method described in literature (for example, Journal of American Chemical Society 95 (1973) 6263-6267). The aromatic hydroxy or thiol compounds represented by the general formula [5] as another starting material are those, which are available commercially.

[0063] All synthesis of the transition metal compounds is carried out in a Schlenk tube under argon and the reaction solvent is distilled off from the reaction product or a recrystallizable product is recrystallized from a toluene solvent, thereby the final transition metal compound is yielded. The yield is calculated based on the transition metal compound as starting material and shown in % (by weight). The resulting transition metal compound was identified by means of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy (δ (unit: ppm)) and the elementary analysis (unit: % by weight).

[0064] The dilution of catalyst component and the operation of polymerization and the like were carried out under argon atmosphere. The comonomer content in the copolymer was determined by means of ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy.

I. Synthesis of Catalyst component

Example 1

5 Synthesis of Catalyst component (a)-1 (Dicyclopentadienylbis(2-methylphenoxy) zirconium):

[0065] To a 50 ml Schlenk tube having been sufficiently exchanged by argon, 10 ml of toluene solution containing 106.0 mg of dicyclopentadienyldimethyl zirconium and 90.6 mg of orthocresol were added and the resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hr.

10 After the completion of reaction, toluene was distilled off under reduced pressure to yield a transition metal compound of white solid (catalyst component (a)-1). The yield amount of the catalyst component (a)-1 was 176.7 mg corresponding to 99% yield.

[0066] The results of the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy (measured in C_6D_6) and the elementary analysis of the product were as follows:

15 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectral data: δ 2.23(s, 6H), 5.94 (s, 10H), 6.67 (d, 2H, $J=7.6$ Hz), 6.89(d, 2H, $J=7.2$ Hz) 7.18(d, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 7.19(d, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz),
elementary analysis: C 66.02, H 5.78, Zr 20.65.

20 [0067] By the results as mentioned above, the catalyst component (a)-1 was confirmed as dicyclopentadienylbis(2-methylphenoxy)zirconium.

Examples 2 to 68

25 Synthesis of catalyst components (a)-2 to (a)-68:

[0068] The same reaction as well as treatment after the reaction was carried out as in Example 1 except that the phenol compound to be reacted with dicyclopentadienyldimethyl zirconium was exchanged from orthocresol to the substituted phenol compounds as shown in Tables 1 to 5 and the amount of each starting material used was shown in
30 Tables 1 to 5. The resulting transition metal compounds were shown as catalyst component (a) -2 to (a) -68 respectively. The yield amount, yield and appearance of each catalyst component are summarized in Tables 1 to 5. Each product was confirmed as the final transition metal compound by the results of elementary analysis and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy. The results are summarized in Tables 6 to 13.

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Table 1

Example No.	Catalyst component	Cp ₂ IrMe ₂ used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage	Yield amount	Yield	Appearance
				(mg)	(mg)	(%)	
Ex. 1	(a)-1	106.0	o-cresol	90.6	181.0	99	white solid
Ex. 2	(a)-2	118.9	m-cresol	101.7	154.5	75	colorless crystal
Ex. 3	(a)-3	111.8	p-cresol	95.6	132.1	69	colorless crystal
Ex. 4	(a)-4	102.9	2-methoxyphenol	108.0	188.0	99	colorless oil
Ex. 5	(a)-5	97.3	3-methoxyphenol	95.3	181.4	100	yellow oil
Ex. 6	(a)-6	89.2	4-methoxyphenol	87.4	161.3	99	white solid
Ex. 7	(a)-7	147.3	2-trifluoromethylphenol	188.7	253.3	80	colorless crystal
Ex. 8	(a)-8	105.6	3-trifluoromethylphenol	125.0	228.2	99	white solid
Ex. 9	(a)-9	131.5	4-trifluoromethylphenol	168.3	189.2	67	colorless crystal
Ex. 10	(a)-10	97.5	2-cyanophenol	92.4	175.8	99	red solid
Ex. 11	(a)-11	116.3	3-cyanophenol	110.2	195.6	93	colorless crystal
Ex. 12	(a)-12	112.5	4-cyanophenol	106.5	206.6	100	white solid
Ex. 13	(a)-13	132.4	2-nitrophenol	146.5	200.1	76	yellow crystal
Ex. 14	(a)-14	116.1	3-nitrophenol	128.4	168.3	73	yellow crystal
Ex. 15	(a)-15	100.4	4-nitrophenol	110.1	188.5	95	yellow crystal
Ex. 16	(a)-16	148.2	2-chlorophenol	151.4	277.9	99	colorless oil

Table 2 .

Example No.	Catalyst component	Cp ₂ IrMe ₂ , used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 17	(a)-17	110.9	3-chlorophenol	113.4	177.0	84	colorless crystal
Ex. 18	(a)-18	116.2	4-chlorophenol	119.0	220.2	100	white solid
Ex. 19	(a)-19	207.1	2-fluorophenol	183.4	359.5	99	white solid
Ex. 20	(a)-20	212.2	3-fluorophenol	187.9	295.5	79	colorless crystal
Ex. 21	(a)-21	209.7	4-fluorophenol	185.6	374.4	100	white solid
Ex. 22	(a)-22	83.3	2-bromophenol	113.8	191.6	100	colorless oil
Ex. 23	(a)-23	80.6	3-bromophenol	110.0	187.0	100	white solid
Ex. 24	(a)-24	84.7	4-bromophenol	115.9	191.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 25	(a)-25	53.6	2-iodophenol	93.3	142.5	100	yellow oil
Ex. 26	(a)-26	58.8	3-iodophenol	102.1	155.9	100	white solid
Ex. 27	(a)-27	62.1	4-iodophenol	107.8	162.8	100	colorless oil
Ex. 28	(a)-28	73.8	2-ethylphenol	71.3	138.9	100	yellow oil
Ex. 29	(a)-29	73.6	3-ethylphenol	71.1	135.5	100	colorless oil
Ex. 30	(a)-30	76.2	4-ethylphenol	73.5	138.5	99	colorless oil
Ex. 31	(a)-31	70.1	2-isopropylphenol	75.4	136.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 32	(a)-32	76.6	3-isopropylphenol	82.5	147.7	99	colorless oil

Table 3

Example No.	Catalyst component	Cp ₂ IrMe ₂ (used amount) (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 33	(a)-33	76.5	4-isopropylphenol	82.3	146.4	99	colorless oil
Ex. 34	(a)-34	70.6	2-tert-butylphenol	83.8	149.1	100	colorless oil
Ex. 35	(a)-35	68.7	3-tert-butylphenol	81.4	142.7	100	colorless oil
Ex. 36	(a)-36	68.4	4-tert-butylphenol	81.1	140.9	100	white solid
Ex. 37	(a)-37	104.9	2,3-difluorophenol	109.0	206.0	100	white solid
Ex. 38	(a)-38	134.0	2,4-difluorophenol	137.6	251.2	99	white solid
Ex. 39	(a)-39	90.0	2,5-difluorophenol	93.6	170.0	99	white solid
Ex. 40	(a)-40	164.7	2,6-difluorophenol	169.4	309.0	99	white solid
Ex. 41	(a)-41	89.6	3,4-difluorophenol	93.0	169.7	100	white solid
Ex. 42	(a)-42	101.3	3,5-difluorophenol	105.0	190.1	99	white solid
Ex. 43	(a)-43	83.2	2,3,4-trifluorophenol	96.6	134.5	80	colorless crystal
Ex. 44	(a)-44	86.2	2,3,6-trifluorophenol	101.1	71.4	41	colorless crystal
Ex. 45	(a)-45	97.5	2,4,5-trifluorophenol	115.0	205.3	100	white solid
Ex. 46	(a)-46	100.6	2,4,6-trifluorophenol	118.1	205.1	100	white solid
Ex. 47	(a)-47	233.8	2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenol	306.9	451.5	89	colorless crystal
Ex. 48	(a)-48	304.7	pentafluorophenol	441.7	387.3	55	colorless crystal

Table 4

Example No.	Catalyst component	Cp ₂ SrMe ₂ , used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 49	(a)-49	65.1	2-phenylphenol	87.5	105.0	73	white crystal
Ex. 50	(a)-50	73.4	3-phenylphenol	98.7	166.2	100	yellow oil
Ex. 51	(a)-51	64.1	4-phenylphenol	86.2	98.2	69	white crystal
Ex. 52	(a)-52	90.5	2-hydroxy- acetophenone	97.2	174.7	99	yellow oil
Ex. 53	(a)-53	100.7	3-hydroxy- acetophenone	108.1	200.7	100	colorless oil
Ex. 54	(a)-54	89.2	4-hydroxy- acetophenone	95.8	74.4	43	white crystal
Ex. 55	(a)-55	72.3	methyl salicylate	87.0	151.9	100	yellow oil
Ex. 56	(a)-56	69.1	methyl 3-hydroxy- benzoate	83.1	143.5	100	colorless oil
Ex. 57	(a)-57	69.0	methyl 4-hydroxy- benzoate	83.1	76.3	53	white crystal
Ex. 58	(a)-58	121.5	2,4-dichlorophenol	156.5	154.5	59	white crystal
Ex. 59	(a)-59	101.4	2,4-dimethylphenol	98.0	188.6	100	colorless oil
Ex. 60	(a)-60	74.5	2-chloro-4- trifluoro- methylphenol	123.6	191.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 61	(a)-61	62.5	2-chloro- 4-fluorophenol	74.5	125.8	99	white crystal
Ex. 62	(a)-62	52.2	2-chloro- 4-nitrophenol	72.0	95.7	82	yellow crystal
Ex. 63	(a)-63	53.6	2-fluoro- 4-nitrophenol	66.8	98.4	87	yellow crystal
Ex. 64	(a)-64	66.9	2-methyl-4- fluorophenol	69.9	64.7	52	white crystal

Table 5

Example No.	Catalyst component	Cp ₂ IrMe ₂ (used amount) (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage, (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 65	(a)-65	79.3	1-naphthol	89.8	100.1	63	white crystal
Ex. 66	(a)-66	76.2	2-naphthol	86.7	73.3	48	white crystal
Ex. 67	(a)-67	90.8	2-fluorothiophenol	92.0	110.0	64	yellow crystal
Ex. 68	(a)-68	74.0	2-chlorothiophenol	84.5	148.5	100	yellow solid

Table 6

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Z r	
(a)-1	66.02	5.78	20.65	δ 2.23(s, 6H), 5.94(s, 10H), 6.67(d, 2H, J=7.6Hz), 6.89(d, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 7.18(d, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 7.19(d, 2H, J=7.4Hz)
(a)-2	66.13	5.62	20.78	δ 2.26(s, 6H), 6.00(s, 10H), 6.65(d, 2H, J=8.1Hz), 6.73(s, 2H), 6.74(d, 2H, J=8.5Hz), 7.21(d, 2H, J=7.7Hz)
(a)-3	66.10	5.65	20.87	δ 2.25(s, 6H), 6.00(s, 10H), 6.75(d, 4H, J=8.3Hz), 7.08(d, 4H, J=8.3Hz)
(a)-4	61.33	5.43	19.39	δ 3.44(s, 6H), 6.13(s, 10H), 6.74(d, 2H, J=7.9Hz), 6.82-6.86(m, 2H), 6.95-6.98(m, 4H)
(a)-5	61.58	5.31	19.33	δ 3.45(s, 6H), 5.99(s, 10H), 6.45-6.59(m, 6H), 7.17(s, 2H)

Table 7

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : p p m)
	C	H	Z r	
(a)-6	61.43	5.44	19.41	δ 3.45(s, 6H), 6.02(s, 10H), 6.73(d, 4H, J=8.9Hz), 6.89(d, 4H, J=8.9Hz)
(a)-7	53.00	3.42	16.65	δ 6.02(s, 10H), 6.60(t, 2H, J=7.6Hz), 6.70(d, 2H, J=8.2Hz), 7.08(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.47(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.3Hz)
(a)-8	52.87	3.56	16.85	δ 5.79(s, 10H), 6.68(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.03(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.08(s, 2H), 7.09(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz)
(a)-9	52.91	3.68	16.50	δ 5.82(s, 10H), 6.50(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz), 7.50(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz)
(a)-10	62.80	4.08	19.71	δ 6.12(s, 10H), 6.43(dt, 2H, J=7.5&1.0Hz), 6.73(d, 2H, J=8.3Hz), 7.05(ddd, 2H, J=8.3, 7.5&1.7Hz), 7.14(d, 2H, J=7.5&1.7Hz)
(a)-11	62.87	4.05	19.87	δ 5.72(s, 10H), 6.54-6.58(m, 2H), 6.73(s, 2H), 6.79-6.83(m, 4H)
(a)-12	62.73	4.20	19.68	δ 5.80(s, 10H), 6.30(d, 4H, J=8.4Hz), 7.23(d, 4H, J=8.4Hz)
(a)-13	53.03	3.87	18.12	δ 5.97(s, 10H), 6.41(ddd, 2H, J=8.3, 7.5&1.2Hz), 6.70(dd, 2H, J=8.3&1.2Hz), 6.99(ddd, 2H, J=8.2, 7.5&1.7Hz), 7.69(dd, 2H, J=8.2&1.7Hz)
(a)-14	52.98	3.98	18.19	δ 5.77(s, 10H), 6.70(ddd, 2H, J=7.0, 2.3&0.8Hz), 6.87(t, 2H, J=8.1Hz), 7.52(t, 2H, J=2.3Hz), 7.67(ddd, 2H, J=8.1, 2.3&1.0Hz)

Table 8

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : p p m)
	C	H	Z r	
(a)-15	53.08	3.72	18.29	δ 5.73(s, 10H), 6.22(d, 4H, J=9.0Hz), 8.12(d, 4H, J=9.0Hz)
(a)-16	55.30	4.00	19.01	δ 6.02(s, 10H), 6.60(dt, 2H, J=7.6&1.6Hz), 6.85(dd, 2H, J=8.1&1.6Hz), 6.99(ddd, 2H, J=8.1, 7.6&1.6Hz), 7.14(dd, 2H, J=7.9&1.6Hz)
(a)-17	55.32	3.99	19.09	δ 5.80(s, 10H), 6.49(dt, 2H, J=7.7&1.7Hz), 6.83(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 6.88-6.95(m, 4H)
(a)-18	55.24	4.11	19.00	δ 5.85(s, 10H), 6.44(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz), 7.19(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz)
(a)-19	59.06	4.27	20.21	δ 6.01(s, 10H), 6.62(m, 2H), 6.90(m, 4H), 7.02(m, 2H)
(a)-20	59.23	4.11	20.43	δ 5.86(s, 10H), 6.43(ddd, 2H, J=8.2, 2.3&0.8Hz), 6.50(dt, 2H, J=10.9&2.3Hz), 6.43(tdd, 2H, J=8.2, 2.4&0.8Hz), 6.99(dt, 2H, J=8.1&7.3Hz)
(a)-21	59.40	4.16	20.31	δ 5.92(s, 10H), 6.48(dd, 4H, J=8.9&4.6Hz), 6.91(dd, 4H, J=8.9&8.8Hz)
(a)-22	46.56	3.46	16.04	δ 6.05(s, 10H), 6.53(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 7.2&1.6Hz), 6.84(dd, 2H, J=8.0&1.6Hz), 7.00(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 7.2&1.6Hz), 7.52(dd, 2H, J=8.0&1.6Hz)
(a)-23	46.36	3.31	16.00	δ 5.79(s, 10H), 6.51(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 2.1&1.1Hz), 6.86(t, 2H, J=8.0Hz), 7.01(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 7.03(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 2.1&1.1Hz)

Table 9

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : p p m)
	C	H	Z r	
(a)-24	46.65	3.38	16.07	δ 5.84(s, 10H), 6.38(d, 4H, J=8.8Hz), 7.33(d, 4H, J=8.8Hz)
(a)-25	39.88	2.96	13.69	δ 6.10(s, 10H), 6.40(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 7.2&1.5Hz), 6.80(dd, 2H, J=8.0&1.5Hz), 7.03(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 7.2&1.6Hz), 7.75(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.6Hz)
(a)-26	39.92	3.06	13.69	δ 5.78(s, 10H), 6.55(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 2.2&1.1Hz), 6.72(t, 2H, J=8.0Hz), 7.22(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 2.1&1.1Hz), 7.24(t, 2H, J=2.2Hz)
(a)-27	40.02	2.89	13.70	δ 5.83(s, 10H), 6.29(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz), 7.51(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz)
(a)-28	67.56	5.81	19.49	δ 1.27(t, 6H, J=7.6Hz), 2.68(q, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 5.98(s, 10H), 6.65(dd, 2H, J=7.7&1.1Hz), 6.93(dt, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.1Hz), 7.17-7.23(m, 4H)
(a)-29	67.20	6.19	19.84	δ 1.22(t, 6H, J=7.6Hz), 2.59(q, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 6.02(s, 10H), 6.65-6.69(m, 2H), 6.76-6.80(m, 4H), 7.24(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz)
(a)-30	67.22	6.08	19.96	δ 1.21(t, 6H, J=7.6Hz), 2.58(quint, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 6.00(s, 10H), 6.79(d, 4H, J=8.4Hz), 7.12(d, 4H, J=8.4Hz)
(a)-31	68.31	6.69	18.41	δ 1.32(d, 12H, J=6.9Hz), 3.44(quint, 2H, J=6.9Hz), 6.01(s, 10H), 6.61(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.2Hz), 6.97(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.2Hz), 7.18(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.8Hz), 7.28(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.8Hz)

Table 10

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : p p m)
	C	H	Z r	
(a)-32	67.99	6.68	18.27	δ 1.27(d, 12H, J=6.9Hz), 2.83(quint, 2H, J=6.9Hz), 6.03(s, 10H), 6.66(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 2.1&1.0Hz), 6.81(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 6.84(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 7.26(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz)
(a)-33	68.18	6.87	18.41	δ 1.26(d, 12H, J=6.9Hz), 2.84(quint, 2H, J=6.9Hz), 6.00(s, 10H), 6.81(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz), 7.17(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz)
(a)-34	69.21	7.11	17.36	δ 1.50(s, 18H), 6.11(s, 10H), 6.77(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.4Hz), 6.88(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.4Hz), 7.07(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.7Hz), 7.34(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.7Hz)
(a)-35	69.17	7.06	17.65	δ 1.35(s, 18H), 6.04(s, 10H), 6.67(ddd, 2H, J=7.9&2.1&1.0Hz), 6.98(ddd, 2H, J=7.9, 2.1&1.0Hz), 7.03(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 7.28(t, 2H, J=7.9Hz)
(a)-36	69.09	7.24	17.46	δ 1.34(s, 18H), 6.02(s, 10H), 6.82(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz), 7.35(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz)
(a)-37	55.08	3.26	19.00	
(a)-38	55.03	3.31	18.99	δ 5.94(s, 10H), 6.56-6.64(m, 4H), 6.70-6.77(m, 2H)
(a)-39	55.19	3.38	19.14	
(a)-40	54.99	3.53	18.92	
(a)-41	54.91	3.39	18.97	
(a)-42	54.90	3.44	19.03	

Table 11

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(a)-43	51.03	2.99	17.59	
(a)-44	51.19	2.86	17.55	
(a)-45	51.14	3.01	17.53	
(a)-46	51.16	3.00	17.58	
(a)-47	47.81	2.24	16.50	δ 5.89(s, 10H), 6.07(m, 2H)
(a)-48	44.90	1.77	15.51	δ 5.85(s, 10H)
(a)-49	72.88	5.13	16.21	δ 5.70(s, 10H), 6.79(dd, 2H, J=7.5&1.2Hz), 6.92(dt, 2H, J=7.5, 7.5&1.2Hz), 7.13(dt, 2H, J=7.5, 7.5&1.6Hz), 7.21(dt, 2H, J=7.6, 7.6&1.5Hz), 7.23(t, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 7.35(dd, 2H, J=7.5&1.6Hz), 7.50(dd, 4H, J=7.6&1.5Hz)
(a)-50	72.99	5.32	16.18	δ 5.99(s, 10H), 6.78(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 2.4&1.0Hz), 7.11-7.25(m, 10H), 7.30(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.65(dd, 4H, J=8.3&1.3Hz)
(a)-51	73.06	4.97	16.09	δ 6.01(s, 10H), 6.86(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz), 7.29(t, 4H, J=7.7Hz), 7.59(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz), 7.63(dd, 4H, J=7.7&1.3Hz)
(a)-52	63.46	4.88	18.25	
(a)-53	63.32	5.02	18.36	δ 2.25(s, 6H), 5.92(s, 10H), 6.92(ddd, 2H, J=7.7, 2.4&1.0Hz), 7.13(t, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 7.31(ddd, 2H, J=7.7, 1.6&1.0Hz), 7.59(dd, 2H, J=2.4&1.6Hz)

Table 12

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(a)-54	63.39	5.07	18.40	δ 2.26(s, 6H), 5.89(s, 10H), 6.62(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz), 8.01(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz)
(a)-55	59.43	4.87	17.31	
(a)-56	61.00	4.69	16.34	δ 3.56(s, 6H), 5.89(s, 10H), 6.89(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 2.4 & 1.0Hz), 7.12(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.72(dd, 2H, J=2.4 & 1.8Hz), 7.83(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 1.8 & 1.0Hz)
(a)-57	59.51	4.88	17.36	δ 3.61(s, 6H), 5.83(s, 10H), 6.61(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz), 8.30(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz)
(a)-58	48.37	3.10	16.51	δ 5.91(s, 10H), 6.50(d, 2H, J=8.6Hz), 6.96(dd, 2H, J=8.6 & 2.5Hz), 7.35(d, 2H, J=2.5Hz)
(a)-59	67.22	6.44	18.47	δ 2.25(s, 6H), 2.28(s, 6H), 5.98(s, 5H), 6.09(s, 5H), 6.65(d, 2H, J=8.5Hz), 6.99(s, 2H), 7.01(d, 2H, J=8.5Hz)
(a)-60	47.02	2.89	14.54	δ 5.87(s, 10H), 6.55(dd, 2H, J=8.9 & 0.5Hz), 7.26(ddd, 2H, J=8.9, 2.3 & 0.5Hz), 7.68(d, 2H, J=2.3Hz)
(a)-61	51.67	3.15	17.63	δ 5.95(s, 10H), 6.53(dd, 2H, J=8.9 & 5.3Hz), 6.68(ddd, 2H, J=8.9, 8.0 & 3.1Hz), 7.06(dd, 2H, J=8.0 & 3.1Hz)
(a)-62	46.42	3.00	16.07	δ 5.80(s, 10H), 6.28(d, 2H, J=9.0Hz), 7.86(dd, 2H, J=9.0 & 2.8Hz), 8.25(d, 2H, J=2.8Hz)
(a)-63	49.37	3.11	16.92	δ 5.78(s, 10H), 6.34(t, 2H, J=8.8Hz), 7.82(ddd, 2H, J=8.8, 2.5 & 1.1Hz), 7.88(dd, 2H, J=10.1 & 2.5Hz)

Table 13

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : p p m)
	C	H	Zr	
(a)-64	61.03	4.94	19.21	δ 2.02(s, 6H), 5.88(s, 10H), 6.39(dd, 2H, J=8.6&4.9Hz), 6.82-6.89(m, 4H)
(a)-65	70.76	4.89	17.77	δ 5.97(s, 10H), 6.72(dd, 2H, J=6.8&1.6Hz), 7.35-7.46(m, 8H), 7.80(d, 2H, J=8.0Hz), 8.53(d, 2H, J=8.0Hz)
(a)-66	70.62	5.01	17.68	δ 6.01(s, 10H), 7.10(dd, 2H, J=8.8&2.3Hz), 7.21(d, 2H, J=2.3Hz), 7.23(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 6.8&1.2Hz), 7.35(ddd, 2H, J=8.0, 6.8&1.2Hz), 7.70(d, 2H, J=8.8Hz), 7.74(d, 2H, J=8.0Hz), 7.75(d, 2H, J=8.0Hz)
(a)-67	55.32	4.02	18.96	δ 5.95(s, 10H), 6.59(dddd, 2H, J=7.8, 7.2, 4.5&1.8Hz), 6.79-6.91(m, 4H), 6.95(t, 2H, J=8.2Hz)
(a)-68	51.86	3.84	17.63	δ 5.91(s, 10H), 6.52(td, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.7Hz), 6.58(td, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.4Hz), 6.79(dd, 2H, J=7.7&1.7Hz), 7.31(dd, 2H, J=7.7&1.4Hz)

Example 69

Synthesis of Catalyst component (b)-1 (Bis(methylcyclopentadienyl)bis(2-trifluoromethylphenoxy) zirconium):

[0069] The reaction was carried out under the same condition as in Example 1 except that 58.2 mg of 2-trifluoromethylphenol were added to 10 ml of toluene solution containing 53.9 mg of bis(methylcyclopentadienyl) dimethyl zirconium. After the completion of the reaction, toluene was distilled off under reduced pressure to yield a white solid (catalyst component (b)-1). The yield amount of the catalyst component (b)-1 was 109.7 mg corresponding to 99% yield.

[0070] The resulting product was confirmed as the final transition metal compound by means of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy and the elementary analysis. The results were as follows:

¹H-NMR spectral data : δ 1.91 (s, 6H), 5.85 (t, 4H, J=2.3 Hz), 5.87(t, 4H, J=2.3Hz), 6.59(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 6.77(d, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.09 (dt, 2H, J=7.8 and 1.5Hz), 7.48 (dd, 2H, J=7.8 and 1.5Hz),
elementary analysis: C 54.53, H 4.17, Zr 15.72

Examples 70 to 74

Synthesis of Catalyst components (b)-2 to (b)-6:

[0071] The transition metal compounds were synthesized in the same manner as in Example 69 except that 2-trifluoromethylphenol to be reacted with bis(methylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium was exchanged by the substituted phenol compounds as shown in Table 14 and the amount of each starting material was shown in Table 14 (Catalyst

components are (b)-2 to (b)-6). The yield amount, yield and appearance of each catalyst component were summarized in Table 14 and the results of the elementary analysis and ¹H-NMR spectral data in Table 15.

Table 14

Example No.	Catalyst component	(MeCp) ₂ SrMe ₂ used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 69	(b)-1	53.9	2-trifluoromethylphenol	58.2	109.7	99	white solid
Ex. 70	(b)-2	55.0	3-trifluoromethylphenol	58.7	113.7	100	colorless oil
Ex. 71	(b)-3	56.3	4-trifluoromethylphenol	60.5	115.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 72	(b)-4	58.7	2-tert-butylphenol	62.9	117.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 73	(b)-5	59.3	3-tert-butylphenol	63.6	119.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 74	(b)-6	71.2	4-tert-butylphenol	76.5	144.5	100	yellow oil

Table 15

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(b)-1	54.53	4.17	15.72	δ 1.91(s, 6H), 5.85(t, 4H, J=2.3Hz), 5.87(t, 4H, J=2.3Hz), 6.59(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 6.77(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.09(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.5Hz), 7.48(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.5Hz)
(b)-2	54.48	4.07	15.79	δ 1.94(s, 6H), 5.87(t, 4H, J=2.8Hz), 5.91(t, 4H, J=2.8Hz), 7.02(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.05-7.09(m, 4H), 7.18(s, 2H)
(b)-3	54.43	4.01	15.77	δ 1.78(s, 6H), 5.64(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 5.70(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.52(d, 4H, J=8.3Hz), 7.49(d, 4H, J=8.3Hz)
(b)-4	70.16	7.69	16.44	δ 1.54(s, 18H), 1.93(s, 6H), 5.95(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.00(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.63(dd, 2H, J=7.7&1.3Hz), 6.92(dt, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.3Hz), 7.15(dt, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.7Hz), 7.38(dd, 2H, J=7.7&1.7Hz)
(b)-5	69.99	7.81	16.52	δ 1.35(s, 18H), 2.00(s, 6H), 5.86(t, 4H, J=2.5Hz), 5.90(t, 4H, J=2.5Hz), 6.70(ddd, 2H, J=7.9, 2.1&1.0Hz), 6.96(ddd, 2H, J=7.9, 2.1&1.0Hz), 7.05(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 7.26(t, 2H, J=7.9Hz)
(b)-6	70.02	7.35	16.62	δ 1.33(s, 18H), 1.98(s, 6H), 5.84(t, 4H, J=2.5Hz), 5.90(t, 4H, J=2.5Hz), 6.85(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz), 7.33(d, 4H, J=8.7Hz)

Example 75

Synthesis of Catalyst component (c)-1 (Bis(n-butylcyclopentadienyl)bis(2-fluorophenoxy)zirconium):

[0072] The same reaction as well as treatment after the reaction was carried out as in Example 1 except that 69.8 mg of 2-fluorophenol was added to 10 ml of toluene solution containing 106.6 mg of bis(n-butylcyclopentadienyl)dime-thyl zirconium and reacted. 162.9 mg of colorless oil product (catalyst component (c)-1) was obtained; yield: 100%. The resulting product was confirmed as the final transition metal compound by means of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy and the elementary analysis. The results are as follows:

¹H-NMR spectral data : δ 0.77 (t, 6H, J=7.3 Hz), 1.13 (sext, 4H, J=7.5 Hz), 1.35 (quint, 4H, J=7.8 Hz), 2.43 (t, 4H, J=7.8 Hz), 5.94 (t, 4H, J=2.6 Hz), 5.97 (t, 4H, J=2.6), 6.60 (dddd, 2H, J=7.8, 7.2, 4.5 and 1.8 Hz), 6.92 (tdd, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8, 1.5 and 0.5Hz), 6.99 (dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8, and 1.8 Hz), 7.03 (ddd, 2H, J=11.4, 8.0, and 1.6 Hz),

elementary analysis: C 64.76, H 6.18, Zr 16.39.

Examples 76 to 83

5 Synthesis of Catalyst components (c)-2 to (c)-9:

[0073] The catalyst components were synthesized in the same manner as in Example 75 except that 2-fluorophenol to be reacted with bis(n-butylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium was exchanged by the substituted phenol compounds as shown in Table 16 and 17 and the amount of each starting material was shown in Tables 16 and 17. The
 10 yield amount, yield and appearance of each catalyst component were summarized in Tables 16 and 17 and the results of ¹H-NMR spectral data and the elementary analysis in Tables 18 and 19.

Table 16

Example No.	Catalyst component	(nBuCp) ₂ ZrMe ₂ used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 75	(c)-1	106.6	2-fluorophenol	106.4	162.9	100	colorless oil
Ex. 76	(c)-2	97.5	3-fluorophenol	97.5	150.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 77	(c)-3	101.7	4-fluorophenol	101.7	156.1	100	colorless oil
Ex. 78	(c)-4	76.5	2-trifluoromethylphenol	76.5	138.2	99	colorless oil
Ex. 79	(c)-5	88.2	3-trifluoromethylphenol	88.2	159.8	100	colorless oil
Ex. 80	(c)-6	80.3	4-trifluoromethylphenol	80.3	146.4	100	colorless oil

Table 17

Example No.	Catalyst component	(nBuCp) ₂ ZrMe ₂ used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 81	(c)-7	70.0	2-tert-butylphenol	70.0	125.4	100	colorless oil
Ex. 82	(c)-8	74.7	3-tert-butylphenol	74.7	133.3	100	colorless oil
Ex. 83	(c)-9	72.9	4-tert-butylphenol	72.9	130.5	100	colorless oil

Table 18

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : p p m)
	C	H	Z r	
(c)-1	64.76	6.18	16.39	δ 0.77(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.13(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.35(quint, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 2.43(t, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 5.94(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 5.97(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.60(dddd, 2H, J=7.8, 7.2, 4.5&1.8Hz), 6.92(tdd, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8, 1.5&0.5Hz), 6.99(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.8Hz), 7.03(ddd, 2H, J=11.4, 8.0&1.6Hz)
(c)-2	64.71	6.34	15.99	δ 0.77(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.12(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.81(quint, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 2.31(t, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 5.80(t, 8H, J=1.6Hz), 6.52(ddd, 2H, J=8.2, 2.1&0.8Hz), 6.55-6.61(m, 4H), 6.98(dt, 2H, J=8.2, 8.2&7.4Hz)
(c)-3	64.41	6.44	16.84	δ 0.79(t, 6H, J=7.5Hz), 1.16(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.35(quint, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 2.35(t, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 5.85(s, 8H), 6.55(dd, 4H, J=8.7&4.5Hz), 6.90(t, 4H, J=8.7Hz)

Table 19

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(c)-4	58.40	5.51	13.46	δ 0.74(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.10(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.30(quint, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 2.44(t, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 5.96(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.00(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.59(t, 2H, J=7.6Hz), 6.83(d, 2H, J=8.1Hz), 7.12(ddd, 2H, J=8.1, 7.6&1.5Hz), 7.49(dd, 2H, J=7.6&1.5Hz)
(c)-5	58.84	5.36	13.74	δ 0.77(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.11(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.28(quint, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 2.27(t, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 5.75-5.79(m, 8H), 6.78(m, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 7.01-7.08(m, 4H)
(c)-6	58.42	5.61	13.79	δ 0.77(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.11(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.27(quint, 4H, J=7.7Hz), 2.26(t, 4H, J=7.7Hz), 5.78(t, 4H, J=2.2Hz), 5.78(t, 4H, J=2.2Hz), 6.58(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz), 7.50(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz)
(c)-7	72.40	8.15	14.30	δ 0.74(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.09(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.28(quint, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 1.57(s, 18H), 2.47(t, 4H, J=7.6Hz), 6.03(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.13(t, 4H, J=2.6Hz), 6.68(dd, 2H, J=7.6&1.2Hz), 6.91(dt, 2H, J=7.6, 7.6&1.2Hz), 7.17(dt, 2H, J=7.6, 7.6&1.7Hz), 7.38(dd, 2H, J=7.6&1.7Hz)
(c)-8	71.99	8.54	14.59	δ 0.80(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.18(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.36(s, 18H), 1.41(quint, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 2.48(t, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 5.98(s, 8H), 6.37(ddd, 2H, J=7.9, 2.1&0.8Hz), 6.96(ddd, 2H, J=7.9, 2.1&0.8Hz), 7.05(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 7.27(t, 2H, J=7.9Hz)
(c)-9	72.17	8.44	14.38	δ 0.79(t, 6H, J=7.3Hz), 1.17(sext, 4H, J=7.5Hz), 1.32(s, 18H), 1.38(quint, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 2.47(t, 4H, J=7.8Hz), 5.96(s, 8H), 6.88(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz), 7.34(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz)

Example 84

Synthesis of Catalyst component (d)-1 (Bis(1,3-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)bis(2-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium:

[0074] The reaction was carried out under the same condition as in Example 1 except that 62.5 mg of 2-trifluoromethylphenol were added to 10 ml of toluene solution containing 59.3 mg of bis(1, 3-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium. The product was recrystallized from toluene to yield the transition metal compound as white crystal (catalyst component (d)-1). The yield amount was 63.1 mg corresponding to 53% yield.

[0075] The resulting product was confirmed as the final transition metal compound by means of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy and the elementary analysis. The results are shown as follows:

¹H-NMR spectral data : δ 1.95 (s, 12H), 5.72 (t, 2H, J= 2.4 Hz), 5.77 (d, 4H, J=2.4 Hz), 6.58 (t, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 6.78(d, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.06 (t, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.49 (dd, 2H, J=7.8, and 1.6 Hz),
elementary analysis : C 55.82, H 4.63, Zr 15.09.

Examples 85 to 89

Synthesis of Catalyst components (d)-2 to (d)-6:

[0076] The reaction was carried out in the same manner as in Example 84 except that 2-trifluoromethylphenol to be reacted with bis(1,3-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium was exchanged by the substituted phenol compounds as shown in Table 20 and the amount of each starting material was shown in Table 20. The yield amount, yield and appearance of each catalyst component were summarized in Table 20 and the results of elementary analysis and ¹H-NMR spectral data in Table 21.

Table 20

Example No.	Catalyst component	(MeCp) ₂ ZrMe ₂ (used amount, (mg))	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 84	(d)-1	59.3	2-trifluoromethylphenol	62.5	63.1	53	white crystal
Ex. 85	(d)-2	55.9	3-trifluoromethylphenol	58.9	110.7	100	yellow oil
Ex. 86	(d)-3	59.9	4-trifluoromethylphenol	63.3	115.8	99	colorless oil
Ex. 87	(d)-4	58.6	2-tert-butylphenol	52.4	102.5	100	white solid
Ex. 88	(d)-5	51.1	3-tert-butylphenol	50.4	96.9	100	colorless oil
Ex. 89	(d)-6	59.5	4-tert-butylphenol	58.1	114.9	100	white solid

Table 21

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(d)-1	55.82	4.63	15.09	δ 1.95(s, 12H), 5.72(t, 2H, J=2.4Hz), 5.77(d, 4H, J=2.4Hz), 6.58(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 6.78(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.06(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.49(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.6Hz)
(d)-2	55.97	4.56	15.13	δ 1.78(s, 12H), 5.51(d, 4H, J=2.4Hz), 5.57(t, 2H, J=2.4Hz), 6.77(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.00(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.05(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz)
(d)-3	56.17	4.27	15.25	δ 1.78(s, 12H), 5.53(d, 2H, J=2.5Hz), 5.58(t, 4H, J=2.5Hz), 6.56(d, 4H, J=8.4Hz), 7.45(d, 4H, J=8.4Hz)
(d)-4	71.01	7.78	15.86	δ 1.54(s, 18H), 1.96(s, 12H), 5.86(d, 4H, J=2.4Hz), 6.03(t, 2H, J=2.4Hz), 6.71(dd, 2H, J=7.7&1.2Hz), 6.93(dt, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.2Hz), 7.19(dt, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.8Hz), 7.38(dt, 2H, J=7.7, 7.7&1.8Hz)
(d)-5	70.72	8.04	15.67	δ 1.32(s, 18H), 2.00(s, 12H), 5.70(d, 4H, J=2.4Hz), 5.84(t, 2H, J=2.4Hz), 6.74(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 2.1&0.8Hz), 6.93(ddd, 2H, J=7.8, 2.1&0.8Hz), 7.02(t, 2H, J=2.1Hz), 7.23(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz)
(d)-6	70.75	7.82	15.43	δ 1.31(s, 18H), 1.98(s, 12H), 5.68(d, 4H, J=2.4Hz), 5.82(t, 2H, J=2.4Hz), 6.86(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz), 7.29(d, 4H, J=8.6Hz)

45 Example 90

Synthesis of Catalyst component (e)-1 (Bis(pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)bis(2-fluorophenoxy) zirconium) :

[0077] The reaction was carried out in the same condition as in Example 1 except that 123.3 mg of 2-fluorophenol were added to 10 ml of toluene solution containing 237.7 mg of bis(pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium and reacted. The product was recrystallized from toluene to yield the transition metal compound as white crystal (catalyst component (e)-1). The yield amount was 210.7 mg corresponding to 66% yield.

[0078] The result of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy and the elementary analysis of product are summarized as follows:

55 ¹H-NMR spectral data : δ 1.85 (s, 30H), 6.59 (dddd, 2H, J =7.5, 7.2, 4.4 and 1.6 Hz), 6.96(dddd, 2H, J=8.4, 7.2, 1.6 and 0.7 Hz), 7.03 (ddd, 2H, J=11.8, 7.5 and 1.6 Hz), 7.19(d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz),
elementary analysis: C 65.71, H 6.77, Zr 15.71

Example 91 to 92

Synthesis of Catalyst components (e)-2 and (e)-3:

[0079] The catalyst components were synthesized in the same manner as in Example 90 except that 2-fluorophenol to be reacted with bis(pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium was exchanged by the substituted phenol compounds as shown in Table 22 and the amount of each starting material was shown in Table 22. The yield amount, yield and appearance of each catalyst component were summarized in Table 22 and the results of elementary analysis and ¹H-NMR spectroscopy in Table 23.

Table 22

Example No.	Catalyst component	(MeCp) ₂ ZrMe ₂ used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 90	(e)-1	237.7	2-fluorophenol	123.3	210.7	66	white crystal
Ex. 91	(e)-2	220.2	3-fluorophenol	114.1	52.6	18	white crystal
Ex. 92	(e)-3	245.7	4-fluorophenol	127.3	183.6	55	white crystal

Table 23

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(e)-1	65.71	6.77	15.71	δ 1.85(s, 30H), 6.59(dddd, 2H, J=7.5, 7.2, 4.4&1.6Hz), 6.96(dddd, 2H, J=8.4, 7.2, 1.6&0.7Hz), 7.03(ddd, 2H, J=11.8, 7.5&1.6Hz), 7.19(d, 2H, J=8.4Hz)
(e)-2	65.49	6.72	15.46	δ 1.74(s, 30H), 6.54(tdd, 2H, J=8.2, 8.2, 2.3&0.8Hz), 6.64(ddd, 2H, J=8.2, 2.3&0.8Hz), 6.99(dt, 2H, J=11.5, 2.3&2.3Hz), 6.99(td, 2H, J=8.2, 8.2&7.5Hz)
(e)-3	65.42	7.04	15.22	δ 1.79(s, 30H), 6.64(dd, 4H, J=9.0&4.5Hz), 6.89(dd, 4H, J=9.0&8.4Hz)

Example 93

Synthesis of Catalyst component (f)-1 (ethylenebis(indenyl)bis(2-trifluoromethylphenoxy)zirconium):

5 [0080] The same reaction as well as treatment after the reaction was carried out as in Example 1 except that 60.4 mg of 2-trifluoromethylphenol were added to 10 ml of toluene solution containing 70.3 mg of ethylenebis(indenyl)dimethyl zirconium. 124.5 mg of colorless oily product were obtained in a yield of 100%.

[0081] The results of $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy and the elementary analysis of the product are shown as follows:

10 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectral data : δ 2.60-2.85 (m, 4H), 5.63 (d, 2H, $J=3.2$ Hz), 6.40 (d, 2H, $J=3.2$ Hz), 6.57 (t, 2H, $J=7.8$ Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H, $J=7.8$ Hz), 6.90 (dd, 4H, $J=6.5$ and 3.3 Hz), 7.09 (dt, 2H, $J=7.8$, 7.8 and 1.6 Hz), 7.24 (dd, 4H, $J=6.5$, and 3.3 Hz), 7.52 (dd, 2H, $J=7.8$ and 1.6 Hz), elementary analysis: C 60.82, H 3.92, Zr 13.41.

15 Examples 94 to 95

Synthesis of Catalyst components (f)-2 and (f)-3:

20 [0082] The catalyst components were synthesized in the same manner as in Example 93 except that 2-trifluoromethylphenol to be reacted with ethylenebis(indenyl)dimethyl zirconium was exchanged by the substituted phenol compounds as shown in Table 24 and the amount of each starting material was shown in Table 24. The yield amount, yield and appearance of each catalyst component are summarized in Table 24 and the results of elementary analysis and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy in Table 25.

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Table 24

Example No.	Catalyst component	Et(Ind) ₂ ZrMe ₂ used amount (mg)	Substituted phenol compound	Usage (mg)	Yield amount (mg)	Yield (%)	Appearance
Ex. 93	(f)-1	70.3	2-trifluoromethylphenol	60.4	124.5	100	colorless oil
Ex. 94	(f)-2	65.9	3-trifluoromethylphenol	56.6	42.5	36	white crystal
Ex. 95	(f)-3	72.5	4-trifluoromethylphenol	62.2	126.8	99	white solid

Table 25

Catalyst component	Elementary analysis (wt%)			¹ H-NMR spectral data (δ : ppm)
	C	H	Zr	
(f)-1	60.82	3.92	13.41	δ 2.60-2.85(m, 4H), 5.63(d, 2H, J=3.2Hz), 6.40(d, 2H, J=3.2Hz), 6.57(t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 6.79(d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 6.90(dd, 4H, J=6.5&3.3Hz), 7.09(dt, 2H, J=7.8, 7.8&1.6Hz), 7.24(dd, 4H, J=6.5&3.3Hz), 7.52(dd, 2H, J=7.8&1.6Hz)
(f)-2	60.90	3.76	13.47	δ 2.58-2.86(m, 4H), 5.67(d, 2H, J=3.4Hz), 6.41(d, 2H, J=3.4Hz), 6.80(d, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 6.91(dd, 4H, J=6.5&3.3Hz), 7.01(t, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 7.06(t, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 7.14(s, 2H), 7.21(dd, 4H, J=6.5&3.3Hz)
(f)-3	60.73	3.86	13.39	δ 2.61-2.79(m, 4H), 5.65(d, 2H, J=3.3Hz), 6.41(d, 2H, J=3.3Hz), 6.59(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz), 6.91(dd, 4H, J=6.4&3.4Hz), 7.22(dd, 4H, J=6.4&3.4Hz), 7.43(d, 4H, J=8.5Hz)

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Example 96

[0083] To a 800 ml autoclave having been dried sufficiently and exchanged by argon, 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.05 μmol of catalyst component (a)-1 and 0.9 ml of toluene solution of methylaluminoxane (aluminum content 1.5 mmol) manufactured by Tosohaczo Co. (Trade name: MMAO) were introduced with 300 ml of toluene. The inner temperature of the autoclave was raised at 70 °C, and ethylene gas was introduced up to 0.3 MPa. Polymerization was carried out for 1 hr while keeping the pressure. After discharging ethylene, a small amount of isopropyl alcohol was added to terminate the polymerization. The resulting polymer was isolated and dried to yield 12.1 g of polymer. The activity per unit zirconium was 2640 kg polymer/g Zr.

Comparative Example 1

(1) Synthesis of catalyst component (r)-1 (Dicyclopentadienyldiphenoxy zirconium):

[0084] The reaction of dicyclopentadienyldimethyl zirconium and phenol was carried out in the same manner as in Example 1 except that phenol was used instead of orthocresol. A product of white solid was obtained (catalyst component (r)-1). The product was confirmed as the dicyclopentadienyldiphenoxy zirconium by means of ¹H-NMR spectroscopy.

(2) Polymerization:

[0085] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.05 μ mol of the product obtained in the above (1) instead of catalyst component (a)-1 was used. As a result, 5.2 g of polymer were obtained and the activity per unit zirconium was 1140 kg polymer/g Zr. It is clear that the activity of this is lower than that of the transition metal compound of Example 1 having the same cyclopentadienyl ligand portion.

Comparative Example 2

(1) Synthesis of Catalyst component (r)-2 (Dicyclopentadienyldithiophenoxy zirconium):

[0086] The reaction of dicyclopentadienyldimethyl zirconium and thiophenol was carried out in the same manner as in Example 1 that thiophenol was used instead of orthocresol. A product of pale yellow solid was obtained.

(2) Polymerization:

[0087] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.05 μ mol of the product obtained in the above (1) instead of catalyst component (a)-1 was used. As a result, 4.0 g of polymer was obtained and the activity per unit zirconium was 880 kg polymer/g Zr. It is clear that the activity of this catalyst component (r)-2 is lower than that of the transition metal compound of Example 67 having the same cyclopentadienyl ligand portion.

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[0088] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that the catalyst components produced in Examples 2-68 respectively were used instead of the catalyst component (a)-1. The results are summarized in Tables 26 to 28.

Table 26

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μ mol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Comparative Example 1	(r)-1	0.05	5.2	1140
Example 96	(a)-1	0.05	12.1	2640
Example 97	(a)-3	0.05	7.6	1650
Example 98	(a)-6	0.05	8.0	1740
Example 99	(a)-7	0.05	13.5	2950
Example 100	(a)-9	0.05	9.3	2050
Example 101	(a)-11	0.05	13.6	2990
Example 102	(a)-12	0.05	9.2	2020
Example 103	(a)-15	0.05	7.6	1660
Example 104	(a)-16	0.05	12.0	2630

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Table 26 (continued)

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 105	(a)-17	0.05	10.5	2310
Example 106	(a)-19	0.05	9.0	1970
Example 107	(a)-23	0.05	10.1	2210
Example 108	(a)-24	0.05	10.6	2330
Example 109	(a)-25	0.05	11.4	2500
Example 110	(a)-26	0.05	10.1	2210
Example 111	(a)-27	0.05	10.2	2230

Table 27

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 112	(a)-28	0.05	13.1	2860
Example 113	(a)-30	0.05	11.7	2570
Example 114	(a)-32	0.05	8.4	1840
Example 115	(a)-34	0.05	13.1	2890
Example 116	(a)-35	0.05	9.1	1980
Example 117	(a)-38	0.05	11.1	2440
Example 118	(a)-39	0.05	9.7	2120
Example 119	(a)-42	0.05	8.8	1930
Example 120	(a)-43	0.05	9.6	2100
Example 121	(a)-46	0.05	8.7	1900
Example 122	(a)-47	0.05	8.0	1750
Example 123	(a)-48	0.05	7.8	1720
Example 124	(a)-49	0.05	10.9	2380
Example 125	(a)-54	0.05	7.7	1690
Example 126	(a)-57	0.05	8.1	1780
Example 127	(a)-58	0.05	10.9	2380
Example 128	(a)-59	0.05	14.2	3110

Table 28

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 129	(a)-60	0.05	11.3	2480
Example 130	(a)-61	0.05	12.1	2640
Example 131	(a)-62	0.05	11.4	2500
Example 132	(a)-64	0.05	15.8	3460

Table 28 (continued)

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 133	(a)-65	0.05	9.6	2110
Comparative Example 2	(r)-2	0.05	4.0	880
Example 134	(a)-67	0.05	6.7	1470
Example 135	(a)-68	0.05	7.8	1700

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[0089] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that instead of catalyst component (a)-1 the catalyst components (b)-1 to (b)-6, (c)-1 to (c)-9 and (d)-1 to (d)-6 and the amount of catalyst component as shown in Tables 29 and 30 were used. The results are summarized in Tables 29 and 30.

Comparison Example 3

(1) Synthesis of Catalyst component (r)-3 (Bis(methylcyclopentadienyl)diphenoxy zirconium):

[0090] The reaction of bis(methylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium and phenol was carried out in the same manner as in Example 69 except that phenol was used instead of 2-trifluoromethylphenol; A product of white crystal was obtained.

(2) Polymerization:

[0091] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.05 μmol of the product obtained in the above (1) was used instead of the catalyst component (a)-1. The results are shown in Table 29. The activity of the catalyst component (r)-3 is lower than that of the transition metal compounds having the same cyclopentadienyl ligand portion, as shown, respectively in examples.

Comparative Example 4

(1) Synthesis of Catalyst component (r)-4 (Bis(n-butylcyclopentadienyl)diphenoxy zirconium):

[0092] The reaction of bis (n-butylcyclopentadienyl)dimethyl zirconium and phenol was carried out in the same manner as in Example 75 except that phenol was used instead of 2-fluorophenol; A colorless oil product was obtained.

(2) Polymerization:

[0093] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.03 μmol of the product obtained in the above (1) was used instead of the catalyst component (a)-1; The results as shown in Table 30 were obtained. The activity of the catalyst component (r)-4 is lower than that of the transition metal compounds having the same cyclopentadienyl ligand portion as shown, respectively, in examples.

Comparative Example 5

(1) Synthesis of Catalyst component (r)-5 (Bis(1,3-dimethylcyclopentadienyl)diphenoxy zirconium):

[0094] The reaction of bis (1,3-dimethylcyclopentadienyl) dimethyl zirconium and phenol was carried out in the same manner as in Example 84 except that phenol was used instead of 2-trifluoromethylphenol; A product of white solid was obtained.

(2) Polymerization:

[0095] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.03 μmol of the product obtained in the above (1) instead of catalyst component (a)-1 was used; The results as shown in Table 30 were obtained. The activity of the catalyst component (r)-5 is lower than that of the transition metal compounds having the same cyclopentadienyl ligand portion, as shown, respectively in examples.

Table 29

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 136	(b)-1	0.05	8.7	1910
Example 137	(b)-2	0.05	9.7	2120
Example 138	(b)-3	0.05	7.8	1700
Example 139	(b)-4	0.05	14.9	3270
Example 140	(b)-5	0.05	16.4	3600
Example 141	(b)-6	0.05	11.1	2440
Comparative Example 3	(r)-3	0.05	5.0	1110

Table 30

Example No.	Catalyst component	Catalyst Usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 142	(c)-1	0.03	15.8	5760
Example 143	(c)-2	0.03	18.0	6560
Example 144	(c)-3	0.03	16.1	5870
Example 145	(c)-4	0.03	19.7	7190
Example 146	(c)-5	0.03	19.2	7020
Example 147	(c)-6	0.03	14.5	5300
Example 148	(c)-7	0.03	8.8	3220
Example 149	(c)-8	0.03	17.1	6240
Example 150	(c)-9	0.03	14.9	5450
Comparative Example 4	(r)-4	0.03	10.1	3680
Example 151	(d)-1	0.03	8.6	3140
Example 152	(d)-2	0.03	7.1	2580
Example 153	(d)-3	0.03	8.0	2940
Example 154	(d)-4	0.03	9.4	3440
Example 155	(d)-5	0.03	8.3	3020
Example 156	(d)-6	0.03	8.0	2920
Comparative Example 5	(r)-5	0.03	5.4	1980

Example 157

Copolymerization of ethylene and 1-hexene

- 5 [0096] Ethylene was polymerized while being introduced continuously in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 300 ml of toluene and 10 ml of 1-hexene were fed to an autoclave and 5 ml of toluene solution containing 0.1 μ mol of the catalyst component (a)-19 was used. After discharging ethylene, a small amount of isopropyl alcohol was added to terminate the polymerization. The resulting polymer was isolated and dried to yield 13.9 g of polymer. The activity per unit zirconium was 1,520 kg polymer/g Zr.
- 10 It was confirmed that the polymer was the copolymer of ethylene and 1-hexene by means of ^{13}C -NMR spectroscopy. The comonomer content in the polymer was 1.13 mol%.

Example 158

- 15 Copolymerization of ethylene and 1-hexene:

[0097] 300 ml of toluene and 6.7 ml of 1-hexene were fed to an autoclave, 0.25 mmol of triisobutyl aluminum, 0.1 μ mol of the catalyst component (a)-7 and 2.0 μ mol of triphenylmethyltetakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate were added in order, the mixture was heated to 70°C and polymerization was carried out for 1 hr while feeding ethylene continuously in such a manner that the partial pressure of ethylene was 0.3 MPa. The polymer was isolated and dried to yield 13.1 g of polymer. The activity per unit zirconium was 1,430 kg polymer/g Zr. The content of 1-hexene in the polymer was determined as 1.33 mol%.

Example 159

- 25 Copolymerization of ethylene and 1, 9-decadiene:

[0098] The polymerization was carried out while feeding ethylene in the same manner as in Example 96 except that 300 ml of toluene and 11.0 g of 1, 9-decadiene were fed to an autoclave and 0.1 μ mol of the catalyst component (a)-7 was added. The resulting polymer was subjected to the post-treatment to yield 11.6 g of polymer. The activity per unit zirconium was 1,260 kg polymer/g Zr. It was confirmed that the polymer was the copolymer of ethylene and 1, 9-decadiene from ^{13}C -NMR spectral data, and the comonomer content in the polymer was 1.02 mol%.

Example 160

- 35 Copolymer of ethylene and 2-norbornene:

[0099] 90 ml of toluene and 10 ml (30 mmol) of 2-norbornene were added to an autoclave and then 3.7 ml of toluene solution of methylaluminumoxane (corresponding to 6.0 mmol of aluminum) and 1 ml of toluene solution containing 1 μ mol of the catalyst component (d)-3 were added. The inner temperature of autoclave was kept at 60 °C, ethylene gas was introduced up to 0.3 MPa and the mixture was polymerized for 30 min while keeping the pressure. The resulting polymer solution was diluted with toluene, then treated with aq.0.6N-HCl solution and water, then, added with a large amount of methanol to separate the polymer. After filtrating and drying the polymer, 3.13 g of polymer was obtained and the activity per unit zirconium was 34.3 kg polymer/g Zr. It was confirmed that the polymer was the copolymer of ethylene and 2-norbornene from ^{13}C -NMR spectral data. The content of 2-norbornene in the polymer was 13.4 mol%.

Example 161-163

- [0100] The copolymerization of ethylene and 2-norbornene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 160 except that catalyst components (f)-1 - (f)-3 were used instead of the catalyst component (d)-3. The results are summarized in Table 31.

Comparative Example 6

- 55 (1) Synthesis of Catalyst component (r)-6 (Ethylenebis(indenyl)diphenoxy zirconium):

[0101] The reaction of ethylenebis(indenyl) dimethyl zirconium and phenol was carried out in the same manner as in Example 93 except that phenol was used instead of 2-trifluoromethylphenol. A catalyst component of colorless oil

was obtained.

(2) Polymerization:

- 5 [0102] The copolymerization of ethylene and 2-norbornene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 160 except that 5 ml of toluene solution containing 1.0 μ mol of the catalyst component (r)-6 was used instead of the catalyst component (d)-3. The results are shown in Table 31.

Table 31

Example No.	Catalyst component	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/gZr)	contents of 2-norbornene (mol%)
Example 161	(f)-1	1.50	16.5	16.9
15 Example 162	(f)-2	2.27	24.9	18.6
Example 163	(f)-3	2.47	27.1	20.7
20 Comparative Example 6	(r)-6	0.81	8.9	11.4

Example 164

Copolymerization of ethylene and dicyclopentadiene:

- 25 [0103] The polymerization was carried out under the same condition as in Example 160 except that 90 ml of toluene and 4.1 ml of dicyclopentadiene (30 mmol) were added to an autoclave. The yield amount of polymer was 3.01 g and the activity per unit zirconium was 33.0 kg polymer/g Zr. The content of dicyclopentadiene in the polymer was 24.1 mol%.

30 III. Durability Test of Catalyst

Example 165

35 (1) Preparation of Catalyst component solution :

- [0104] The procedure for the preparation of catalyst component solution was carried out in an air atmosphere. 70 mg of the catalyst component (a)-7 was put into a 50 ml conical flask and dissolved in 50 ml of toluene. Then, 5 ml of the solution of the catalyst component was taken out and diluted with toluene up to 25 ml of total volume to obtain 0.5 μ mol/l of catalyst concentration.

(2) Polymerization Test :

- 45 [0105] The polymerization of ethylene was carried out in the same manner as in Example 96 by using the solution of catalyst component just after the preparation thereof and after stirring with a magnetic stirrer for 24 hours, respectively. The results of polymerization are shown in Table 32.

Comparative Example 7

- 50 [0106] The solution containing 0.5 μ mol/l of dicyclopentadienyl dimethyl zirconium instead of the catalyst component (a)-7 was prepared in the same manner as in Example 165 and the polymerization was carried out with the solution in the same manner as in Example 165. The results are shown in Table 32. The degree of reduction of activity was very large when the solution of catalyst component stirred for 24 hours was used in the case of comparative example 7, whereas the degree of the reduction was very small when the solution of catalyst component stirred for 24 hours was used in the case of example 165.

Table 32

Example No.	Treatment of the solution of catalyst component	Catalyst usage (μmol)	polymer yield (g)	activity (kg polymer/g Zr)
Example 165	immediately after dilution	0.05	13.9	3030
	after stirring for 24 hours	0.05	13.3	2900
Comparative Example 7	immediately after dilution	0.05	11.3	2460
	after stirring for 24 hours	0.05	6.5	1420

[0107] According to the present invention, the transition metal compound as catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins, does not contain a halogen bound directly to the metal so that hydrogen halide causing corrosion is not generated, and has a high stability to oxygen and moisture so that it may be easily handled and stored with in good stability. Further, the catalyst containing the transition metal compound according to the present invention shows an excellent activity for the homo- and copolymerization of olefins.

Claims

1. A catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins comprising a transition metal compound represented by the general formula [1] or [2]:



wherein M represents titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Cp represents a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, R and R' each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an aryl, an alkylaryl, an arylalkyl or an alkylsilyl radical, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic ring, Y represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical, a and b each is an integer of 0 to 5, m and n each is an integer of 0 to 3 and m + n is an integer of 1 to 3, and c is an integer of 1 to 5, proviso that Y is not a hydrogen atom when Ph is a benzene ring;



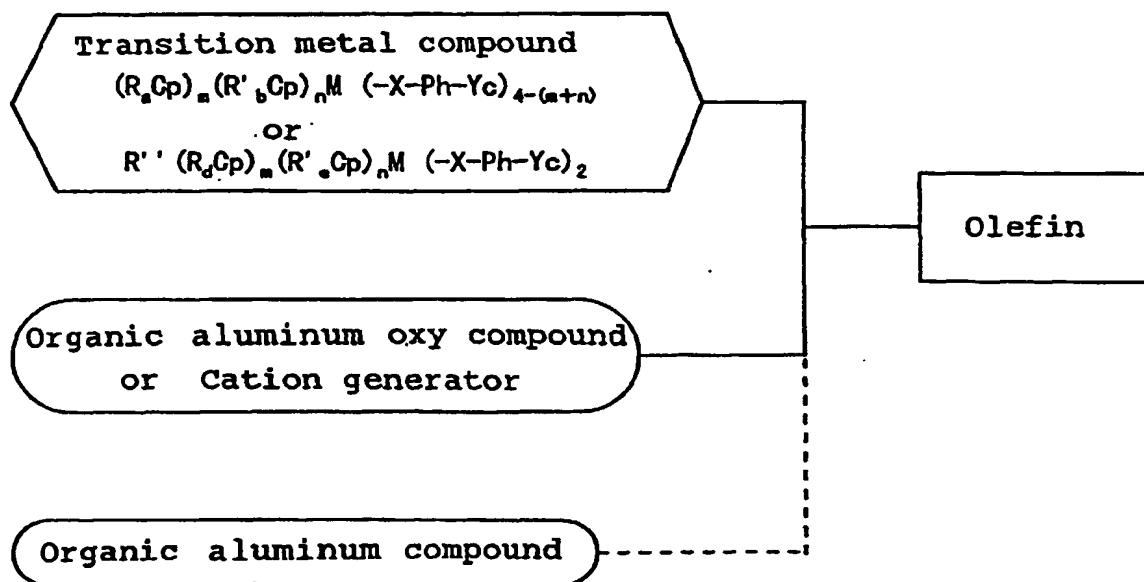
wherein M represents titanium, zirconium or hafnium, Cp represents a radical having the cyclopentadienyl skeleton, R and R' each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an aryl, an alkylaryl, an arylalkyl or an alkylsilyl radical, R'' represents a divalent radical which links $(R_d \text{ Cp})$ and $(R'_e \text{ Cp})$ and is selected from an alkylene, an arylalkylene, a dialkylsilylene, a dialkylgermylene, an alkylphosphindiyol or an alkylimino radical, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, Ph represents an aromatic ring, Y represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon radical, a silyl radical, a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical, a nitrogen-containing organic radical, an oxygen-containing organic radical or a sulphur-containing organic radical, d and e each is an integer of 0 to 4, and c is an integer of 1 to 5, proviso that y is not a hydrogen atom when Ph is a benzene ring.

2. A catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins according to the claim 1, wherein Ph represents a benzene or naphthalene ring in the general formula [1] and [2].
3. A catalyst component for the polymerization of olefins according to the claim 1 or 2, wherein Y is a substituent selected from a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical having 1 to 10 carbon atom, an aryl radical having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl radical having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkynyl radical having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl radical having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, an arylalkenyl radical having 8 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkylaryl radical having 7 to 20 carbon atoms; a silyl radical; a halogen atom, a halogenated hydrocarbon radical; cyano, nitro, nitroso, iso-

cyanide, cyanate, isocyanate, amino, amido; alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, acyloxy; alkylthio, arylthio, alkylsulfinyl, arylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl and arylsulfonyl radical.

4. A catalyst for the polymerization of olefins characterized by comprising [A] a catalyst component according to any one of the claims 1 to 3, and [B] an organic aluminum oxy compound or a cation generator.
5. A catalyst for the polymerization of olefins characterized by comprising [A] a catalyst component according to any one of the claims 1 to 3, [B] an organic aluminum oxy compound or a cation generator and [C] an organic aluminum compound.
6. A process for the polymerization of olefins characterized by polymerizing or copolymerizing olefins in the presence of catalyst for the polymerization of olefins according to the claim 4 or 5.
7. A process for the polymerization according to the claim 6, wherein said olefins are α -olefin, a linear diolefin, a cyclic olefin, a cyclic polyene or an aromatic vinyl compound.

Fig. 1



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